

# THE WEEKLY MO'OLELO

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## Upcoming Events

- **Extended Drinking Water Monitoring Booth:** April 8 at Kapilina Beach Homes Night Market, 5440 Edgewater Drive, from 4-8 p.m.
- **Navy Closure Task Force - Red Hill Community Open House:** April 15 at Pearl at Kalauao (Pearl 2 Room), 98-535 Kaonohi St., Aiea, from 5-7 p.m.



## Kolekole Pass Opened Monday Morning for Commuters

Kolekole Pass was opened for a few hours Monday morning for drivers heading out of Waianae. Access was coordinated by the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, Hawaii Dept. of Transportation and City and County of Honolulu to mitigate traffic as the Honolulu Board of Water Supply continued emergency work on a water main under Farrington Highway. On March 4, military leaders and state and county officials signed a memorandum of understanding to ensure coordinated emergency access through Kolekole Pass.



## NAVFAC Hawaii Military Personnel Support North Shore

Among the 200 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam volunteers who joined North Shore cleanup efforts last month, were military personnel from Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Hawaii who helped a local resident clear mud and debris from his pig pens. "Helping a resident restore his livelihood and supporting families as they reclaim their homes really reinforced the purpose behind what we do," said Builder 1st Class Robert Lowery, a Seabee and leading petty officer assigned to NAVFAC Hawaii's Self-Help Division.



## Adm. Koehler Tours Sri Lanka Navy Offshore Patrol Vessel

Adm. Steve Koehler, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, toured Sri Lanka Navy offshore patrol vessel 268 while the ship was in Honolulu for a scheduled port visit last week. Koehler also met with Sri Lanka Navy leadership to discuss maritime security cooperation and the importance of enduring partnerships to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific. P628, formerly the U.S. Coast Guard medium endurance cutter USCGC Decisive (WMEC 629), was transferred to the Sri Lanka Navy in 2025.



## From Paramedic to Navy Region Hawaii Federal Fire Chief

When Gregg Moriguchi, a former paramedic for the City and County of Honolulu, joined Navy Region Hawaii's Federal Fire Department (FFD) in 2000, he was one of six paramedics tasked with building the Emergency Medical Services program. By 2005, FFD had the most comprehensive EMS program in Hawaii responsible for providing fire and emergency services to the military across multiple installations, ultimately serving as a model for development of EMS programs throughout the Navy shore enterprise.



## Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Celebrates National Welders Month

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Facility kicked off National Welders Month last week. At the Welding Shop, more than 150 welders perform a variety of welding services to support the shipyard's mission to keep the fleet "Fit to Fight" by repairing, maintaining, and modernizing the Navy's fast-attack submarines and surface ships. Welders' work might be behind the scenes, but it's front and center in the mission to preserve Navy readiness and dominance at sea.



## This Week in History April 10, 1919

On April 10, 1919, construction on Drydock 1 was completed at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. At 1,000 feet long, the new drydock was designed to service the American Navy now plying the Pacific Ocean between the West Coast and American interests in the Asia-Pacific Region. Drydock 1 would soon be dedicated in August of 1919, when Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels presided over the establishment of the naval base at Pearl Harbor.



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